GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Minority Status to Jewish Community
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Jewish community demanding grant of minority status;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon along with the number of Jews in the country at present, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is also considering to open a Jewish minority university in the country and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Jews are classified under any other religion in the census of India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision on the proposal from Jewish community demanding grant of minority status is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a)&(b). Yes, Madam. A proposal of Jewish community demanding grant of minority status has been received by this Ministry. Office of the Registrar General, India, has intimated that the population of Jews/Judaism religious community as per 2011 Census is not yet published. The State/UT wise population of Jews/Judaism religious community as per Census 2001 is attached at Annex-I.

(c) No, Madam. The Government is not considering opening a Jewish minority University in the Country.

(d)&(e) Office of the Registrar General, India, has intimated that the Jews/Judaism religion is classified under the category "Other Religion and Persuasion" in the Census of India. No time line has been fixed by the Central Government to take a decision to declare Jewish community as minority community.

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